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A. GENERAL

1. NEW NARCOTICS LEGISLATION. - THE STATUS OF NEW NARCOTICS LEGISLATION IS BEING REPORTED SEPTEL.

2. SEIZURE STATISTICS. AS REPORTED IN LIMA 7980, PERUVIAN ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES SEIZED LARGE QUANTITITES OF COCAINE PASTE IN JULY AND AUGUST. THE SEIZURES OF THE PERUVIAN INVESTIGATIVE POLICE IN JULY TOTALLED 399 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE PASTE, AND THE GUARDIA CIVIL TOTALLED 153 KILOGRAMS. AUGUST STATISTICS ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE BUT SHOULD BE FAVORABLE. SEIZURE STATISTICS FOR THE GUARDIA CIVIL'S RURAL PATROL UNIT (UMOPAR) IN AUGUST TOTALLED 43.5 KG OF COCAINE PASTE AND OVER 3 TONS OF COCA LEAVES.

3. THE LARGEST NARCOTICS SEIZRURE OF THE YEAR, AND ONE OF THE LARGEST IN PERUVIAN HISTORY, OCCURRED ON SEPTEMBER 1 WHEN PIP AUTHORITIES SEIZED 450 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE BASE NEAR AN AIRPORT IN THE NORTHER NPART OF THE UPPER HUALLAGA VALLEY. THE COCAINE BASE WAS TO BE TRANSPORTED TO COLOMBIA BY PRIVATE AIRCRAFT. ONE OF THE CAPTURED NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS STATED TO THE POLICE THAT AT LEAST FIVE SHIPMENTS OF EQUAL SIZE HAD BEEN TRANSPORTED TO COLOMBIA FROM THE AIRPORT THIS YEAR.

4. UPPER HUALLAGA PROJECT. DURING AUGUST SEVERAL ARTICLES APPEARED IN SENSATIONALIST NEWSPAPERS OF LIMA ALLEGING POLICE BRUTALITY AND CORRUPTION IN THE UPPER HUALLAGA VALLEY.

B. PROJECTS

1. PERUVIAN INVESTIGATIVE POLICE. A FY 1982 PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH THE PERUVIAN INVESTIGATIVE POLICE WAS SIGNED ON AUGUST 12 BY THE AMBASSADOR AND THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR.

2. UMOPAR. A 1982 PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH THE GUARDIA CIVIL RURAL MOBILE PATROL UNIT (UMOPAR) FOR $925,000 WAS SIGNED AUGUST 5. CONSTRUCTION OF BARRACKS TO PERMIT UMOPAR'S EXPANSION CONTINUES WITH AN ANTICIPATED TERMINATION DATE OF OCTOBER 30.

3. COCA CONTROL AND REDUCTION. NEGOTIATIONS ON THE 1982 COCA CONTROL AND REDUCTION AGREEMENT WERE COMPLETED IN AUGUST. THE AGREEMENT INCLUDES QUANTIFIED TARGETS FOR ERADICATION OF COCA IN THE UPPER HUALLAGA. THE PROGRAM AGREEMENT IS NOW BEING CLEARED BY OTHER AGENCIES OF THE GOP.

4. THE DIRECTOR OF THE COCA CONTROL PROGRAM, MANUEL INGUNZA, HAS ASSEMBLED A SMALL STAFF AND HAS COMPLETED A TENTATIVE PLAN OF OPERATIONS FOR THE PROJECT. FIRST PRIORITIES OF THE PROJECT ARE A VOLUNTARY COCA ERADICATION PROGRAM AND A SURVEY OF COCA CULTIVATIONS TO LOCATE AND IDENTIFY CLANDESTINE AND ABANDONED COCA FIELDS THAT CAN BE ERADICATED WITHOUT LEGAL PROCEEDINGS. THE NAU CHIEF SIGNED AN AGREEMENT WITH AN AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVE ON AUGUST 20 FOR THE ERADICATION OF APPROXIMATELY 11 HECTARES OF COCA CULTIVATION LOCATED ON THE COOPERATIVE'S LANDS. THE PRINCIPAL DIFFICULTY FACING THE PROJECT REMAINS THE LOCATION OF AN APPROPRIATE HEADQUARTERS FOR THE ORGANIZATION IN TINGO MARIA.
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